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Mr Richard Willis  
Secretary  
Select Committee on Public Land Development  
Parliament House  
East Melbourne 3002

Dear Mr Willis

I refer to your letter dated 1 February 2008 regarding matters taken on notice at the recent Select Committee on Public Land Development Public Hearing.

I now forward an overview giving update on the proposed Monash Freeway upgrade plus copy of meeting agendas and can confirm the following:

- Vic Roads and the Freeway Alliance have set up a process of Project Liaison groups which have met on a regular basis from early 2007. As the Freeway upgrade is divided into 3 sections we primarily participate in the Inner Eastern Liaison group. Towards the latter part of last year it was agreed to suspend meetings until more concrete design details of the Freeway alignment were available and this would then enable more meaningful meetings. The Coordinator of the meetings is Mary-Ann Lane from the Monash Alliance and attached is a copy of a meeting agenda which lists all stakeholders.
- At the request of Council Officers a workshop was convened with Key Stakeholders to determine the extent of impact that the Freeway potentially would have on Stonnington particularly in relation to vegetation removal and the net loss of "Park Amenity"; copy of the agenda is attached.
- There are currently a number of environmental initiatives being undertaken by the Alliance in relation to "net gain" in respect of tree loss and a program of proposed tree planting to offset the loss. This has still to be finalised.
- There is a strong indication that WSUD actions will be considered in the implementation of the upgrade and these relate to the potential to store approximately 200,000 litres to 300,000 litres of stormwater for use at ovals for the purpose of irrigation; again this is still to be finalised.
- In respect of consultation Vic Roads have made sure that there is ongoing consultation however at this juncture the final alignment of the Inner Eastern Section of the Freeway is yet to be determined. It is understood that the alignment will be within the VicRoads road reserve however it still remains possible that a *fait accompli* could be presented where there will be loss of open space and this would be by compulsory acquisition without any compensation as the Road Management Act was amended to enable VicRoads to do so.

Yours sincerely



Hadley Sides  
**Chief Executive Officer**

# Monash Freeway Upgrade Update

**There are three sections to the proposed Freeway widening**

**South Eastern:** East Of Warrigal Rd

**Inner Eastern:** Southern Link to Warrigal Road

**Western:** West of City Link Tunnels

The **Inner Eastern** section impacts the Cities of Stonnington, Yarra and Boroondara

## **Consultation**

Local Government engagement groups have been created with the aim of establishing good working relationships between the project partners (VicRoads and Transurban) and Local Government.

## **Two Principle Groups**

**Reference Group:** Councillors and Jon Brock, VicRoads, Transurban

**Project Liaison Group:** Snr Council Officers, Vic Roads, Transurban

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## **Council Representation**

**Infrastructure and Construction:** John McCarthy

**Traffic Management:** Ian McLauchlan

**Environmental/Open Space impacts:** Geoff Ovens

**Key Liaison officer for the Monash Citylink Alliance:**  
Andrew Lawson



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## Key Actions Arising From the Freeway initiative

### Workshop

A workshop was held on 10 August 07 with key stakeholders from the Alliance Group and Council representatives to determine protocols for future engagement with SCC on the project.

Was Agreed that Geoff Ovens would be primary contact

### Frequency of Meetings

The Inner Eastern project group will at this juncture meet bi monthly until the physical commencement of the project

### MECWA: Impact on Elm road Access

The Alliance are required as part of the project plan to submit to Council and MECWA a revised solution in respect of Access to Elm Road, design options are currently being developed.

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Once construction commences there will be an increased need for close liaison with both **Traffic Management and Road Construction**, however pre planning IRO Traffic Management is being undertaken by John Piper Traffic Management.

## **WSUD**

As Part of the sustainability initiatives of the project there is an expectation by State and VicRoads that each section of the project demonstrate WSUD accountability.

Preliminary discussions with the Alliance indicate that two primary stormwater capture points will be proposed for Stonnington

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- Diversion of 100,000 L underground storage tanks to be situated at **Lucas Oval** and a further 100,000 L in the Car Park at **MVGC**
- Provides the opportunity in consultation with Melbourne Water to leverage off the storage capability and develop rain gardens, wetlands to “polish” stormwater at the Golf Course prior to returning to the Gardiners Creek
- The Storage capacity at Lucas Oval provides the opportunity to pump storm water to the surrounding Park for Drip Irrigation purposes.

## **Vegetation Impacts**

- Widening will result in Vegetation removal within the Freeway Corridor
- Alliance is required to demonstrate “Net Gain” for vegetation loss
- A number of sites have been identified for net gain works, Glen Iris Wetlands, MVGC
- Current negotiations relate to an expectation that the material is maintained for 3 Years prior to handing back to Council



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## **Social Accountability**

- Alliance has engaged consultants to undertake a social impact study which primarily seeks to lessening construction impacts on surrounding recreation reserves during construction
- Understands the levels of utilisation of sports facilities eg Kooyong Park
- Will consult with various Sporting agencies and Clubs

## **Commencement of Construction Works**

- preliminary works have been undertaken GeoTec etc
- Project is expected to commence late November 2007

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## **Current Preliminary Road Alignment**

Plans circulated for discussion purposes show that the preliminary alignments and project boundaries indicate no impact on Public Open Space and Recreation Reserves.

There will be a necessity to discuss access points and potential storage locations during construction

## **FINAL ROAD ALIGNMENT HAS AS YET NOT BEEN COMPLETED NOR CONFIRMED**

Once the final road alignment has been determined Warren Roberts will convene a Council Officer meeting in order to Co- ordinate all internal liaison.

At this juncture a Council Forum Briefing will be arranged.



# Monash-CityLink-West Gate upgrade

<b>MEETING</b>	INNER EASTERN PROJECT LIAISON GROUP	<b>DATE</b>	March 28th 2007 9.00am – 10.00am
<b>LOCATION:</b>	VicRoads, 60 Denmark St Kew		
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<p><b>VICROADS</b>  Robert Kriek                      Manager Project Delivery, Monash Section  Cameron Mattingley          Team Leader, Monash Section  Sarah Myers                    Team Leader, Monash Section  Lalitha Mylvaganam          Communications Manager, Monash Section  Sarah Ray                        Manager, Project Communications  Adrian Tofful                  Manager Program Delivery, Metro North West  Michael Barker                Manager Program Delivery, Metro South East</p> <p><b>SOUTHERN LINK ALLIANCE (TRANSURBAN)</b>  Alex Lukac                      SL Alliance Manager  Jane Calvert                    SL Alliance Stakeholder Relations Manager  Andy Uren                       SL Alliance Managing Project Engineer  Brendan Walsh                SL Alliance Traffic Manager  Matthew Forwood?          SL Deputy Manager</p> <p><b>BOROONDARA</b>  Scott Lipscombe              Transport Engineer  Louise McFarlane            Manager, Communications</p> <p><b>STONNINGTON</b>  Ian McLauchlan              Transport &amp; Parking Manager  Daniel Kollmorgen          Transport and Parking Coordinator  John McCarthy              Manager Infrastructure Services</p> <p><b>YARRA</b>  Craig Stevens                Manager Infrastructure  Richard Smithers            Transport Coordinator</p>		
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	<p>Geoff Ovens                    Manager Environment and Public Spaces  City of Stonnington</p> <p>Rob Gilpin                      Project Manager, Monash Section  VicRoads</p> <p>Mary-Anne Lane              Manager, Strategic Communications  VicRoads</p>		

Item:	Subject / Actions	Responsible
1.0	Welcome and Apologies	Jane Calvert, Chair
2.0	Overview of Meeting Scope and Terms of Reference	Jane Calvert
3.0	Confirmation of contact details and invite list	Jane Calvert
4.0	<b>Alliance Overview</b> Explanation of how works will be carried out and by whom	Alex Lukac (SLA) Cameron Mattingly (VicRoads)
5.0	<b>Project Update:</b> Southern Link Alliance (Tunnels to Glenferrie Rd): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview / Scope</li> <li>• Works to date</li> <li>• Upcoming works (next six weeks)</li> <li>• Longer term impacts</li> </ul> <b>Monash Section Update</b> Glenferrie Road to Warrigal Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview / Scope</li> <li>• Status to date</li> <li>• Upcoming events</li> </ul>	Jane Calvert/ Brendan Walsh  Andy Uren Andy Uren  Brendan Walsh  Robert Kriek  Cameron Mattingley  Cameron Mattingley
6	Council Issues / Questions / Comments	All
6.0	Future Meeting Schedule: Dates and Locations	Jane Calvert
7.0	Agenda Items for next meeting	All

# Agenda

## Purpose of Meeting **Stonnington Council Workshop**

<b>Project</b>	Monash Freeway Upgrade	<b>Project No</b>	
<b>Prepared By</b>	Andrew Lawson	<b>Phone No</b>	0412299678
<b>Place of Meeting</b>	Malvern Town Hall	<b>Date</b>	2 August 2007
<b>Monash Alliance</b>	Scott Adams Rob Cairns Bridget Cramphorn Steven Crocker Trevor Dando Agnelo Duarte Andrew Lawson Peter Lellyett Cameron Mattingly Geoff Miller Deb Neumann Mark Percival John Piper Greg Vincent Michael Willis Jeff Young	<b>Stonnington Council</b>	Jon Brock Paul Cherednichenko Stuart Draffin Stephen Lardiner John McCarthy Ian McLauchlan Peter Murray Geoff Ovens Warren Roberts Hadley Sides + other council offices as appropriate - list to be finalised following input from SCC.

Item	Description	Time
1	<b>Workshop Introduction</b>  Andrew Lawson	5
2	<b>General Project Introduction</b>  Peter Lellyett.	10
3	<b>Design</b>  Traffic Network / Freeway John Piper  Noise Modelling / Walls Cameron Mattingly  Gardiners Creek / Water Sensitive Design Trevor Dando  Environment / Sustainability / Vegetation Naomi Sullivan  Urban Design Scott Adams  Design Options Mark Percival	



	<b>Morning Tea</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Construction</b>	
	Construction Site / Main Office and potential localised work sites Jeff Young	
	General Construction Dust / Noise / Hours of Operation Rob Cairns	<b>20</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Communication / Community Engagement</b>	
	Stonington / Monash Alliance Interface Community Engagement Community Legacy	
	Andrew Lawson. Bridget Cramphorn	<b>20</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>20</b>

Note: Each of the information elements will be run as a workshop with a general overview provided by nominated people and a open forum discussion and brainstorming of issues.

The Workshop is intended for Council and the Monash Alliance to establish an understand of the project scope and the key considerations with regard to Stonington.

It is envisaged that the workshop will generate a number of working issues and that these issues will be broken down dealt with in smaller focussed meetings over the next 3 - 4 months as the design is finalised and in general meetings as the project proceeds through construction.